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PAI Chung-hsi's Troops in Wu-Han Cities

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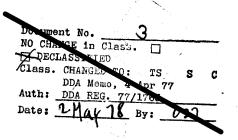


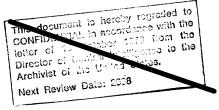
- PAI Chung-hai is now pulling all forces directly under his command into the Wu-Han cities. These forces comprise three armies of Kwangsi troops, totalling approximately 30,000 men.
- This move was made without prior clearance from the Generalissimo or from the Manking high command. The General Staff fears that it may be preparatory to a withdrawal of PAI's troops to Kwangsi.
- The Nationalists still have four armies under SUNG Hsi-lien, disposed north and west of Hankow.

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Comment. An identical report has been received from a source in the It is believed that PAI has intentions of returning to Kwangsi with his armies. The principal significance of this move is its indication of the rapid disintegration of the Generalissimo's control of the Kuomintang and of government armies. It will possibly presage similar moves by other commanders and generally destroy what little cohesion remains in Nationalist military circles.)





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